

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and partisan politics spreading more propaganda.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our Republic. Instead of passing political rhetoric off as actual news, Sinclair should call this programming what it is, an infomercial for the Republican party, and then declare it a campaign contribution.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and campaign finance laws, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.